



We believed that Elias was born in 1995, but when we went back for a visit to Lukata Village where he was born, it was later learnt that he was actually born in 1993. The fact of his birth date is still unknown, which prompted us to adopt the 9 of August as his birthday. His full



NAME: ELIAS CHAKANYUKA F

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

TRIBE: SHONA

P.O.B: LUKATA

D.O.B: 9/08/1993

GRADE: 4

D.O.A: 29/03/2004

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names are Elias Fumbi Chakanyuka.

Elias was born to Mr. Peter Chakanyuka and Mrs. Tsitsi Moyo. He is the eighth born in a family of 11 of

one of the difficulties his widowed mother had to face. Coupled with the afore – said, was the fact that his mother had to continue looking after her six daughters whose husbands died

engage in activities that would keep him busy, like wondering in the nearby gardens to look for pieces of work for his survival. This in the long run caused Elias to stop school.

His mother is now blind and the causes of her blindness are not well known.

Elias came to Lifenet on March 29, 2004. He was then enrolled at Ng'ombe Basic School in grade three. His academic performance was not up to average the first term of school. He was too playful and wanted to be missing school on any given school day, until it was pointed out to him how necessary education was to his wellbeing in life.

Since then, his grades have been improving. In the first term of last year, he was number 23 in class performance. Last term he was number ten and passed most of the subjects except for environmental science which he finds a bit challenging.

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His supposed temperament is sanguine. Adjectives that best describe his positive temperament tendencies are convivial, helpful, team player, creative, confident and extroverted. Negative trends that best depict his personality are bossy, untidy, rude, stubborn and unruly.

He was very happy to visit his family last December. The other siblings were happy to see him though the mother could not see him but only touched him with happiness that he was fine and in high spirits.

which three brothers are dead. He has two brothers and five sisters.

He is the uncle to Emmanuel Chakanyuka, one of our new recruits, whose mother is Elias' elder sister.

His aged father died in 2001, and the family was left in a dilapidated hut. The dilapidation of the hut is just

also. This consequently meant that she also had to take care of their families. Most of her daughters are sickly and so are their children. The poor widow fends for her daughters, which used to deprive Elias of the attention of his mother.

This, therefore, led Elias to



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